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TO AMEMBASSY KABUL

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR NOOR'S VIEWS ON DEVELOPMENTS IN KABUL

1. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY MIKLOS TOOK ADVANTAGE OF AUGUST 24 MEETING WITH AFGHAN AMBASSADOR NOOR ON SUBJECT OF PUERTO RICO AND THE COMMITTEE OF 24 (REPORTED SEPTTEL) TO ASK NOOR FOR HIS VIEWS ON RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN KABUL AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR THE U.S. OR FUTURE POLICIES OF THE DRA. NOOR REPLIED THAT SUCH CHANGES ARE BOUND TO COME ABOUT AFTER A SUCCESSFUL REVOLUTION. WHEN HIS ATTENTION WAS DRAWN TO FACT THAT WHEN HE LEFT THE CABINET HE WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR BUT THAT RECENTLY OUSTED MINISTERS DID NOT APPEAR TO HAVE BEEN TREATED SIMILARLY, NOOR COMMENTED THAT THESE ARE DECISIONS THE PARTY TAKES AND THAT WHATEVER THE PARTY DECIDES HAS TO BE DONE, AND "WE HAVE TO OBEY THESE DECISIONS."

2. IN RESPONSE TO A QUERY, NOOR SAID THAT HE IS STILL A  
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MEMBER OF THE PDPA'S POLITBURO. ASKED IF IT WERE NOT LOGICAL THAT HE BE CONSULTED ON SUCH MATTERS AS RECENT CABINET CHANGES, HE REPLIED THAT KABUL IS TOO FAR AWAY AND THE POLITBURO'S MAJORITY THERE IS FULLY QUALIFIED TO MAKE DECISIONS. NOOR ALSO ASSERTED THAT THE "THEORY OF THE REVOLUTION'S EVOLUTION REMAINS UNCHANGED "AND REITERATED THAT CHANGES WHICH HAVE OCCURRED ARE "NATURAL."

3. COMMENT: AS FOREGOING REVEALS AMBASSADOR NOOR WAS ESPECIALLY CAREFUL ABOUT EXPRESSING ANY OPINION OF SUBSTANCE. HE DID EXHIBIT A LIVELY APPRECIATION OF HISTORIC FACT THAT REVOLUTIONS TEND TO DEVOUR THEIR OWN. HE LEFT THE IMPRESSION THAT HE WOULD NOT BE SURPRISED IF OTHER CHANGES IN THE POWER STRUCTURE TOOK PLACE, BUT WAS INSCRUTABLE ABOUT WHAT THIS WOULD MEAN FOR HIM AND HIS EXILED PARCHAM COLLEAGUES. CHRISTOPHER

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